

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are currently pending. Claims 1-6, 10-13, and 15 are allowed. Claims 7, 8, 9, and 14 are amended and claim 16 is added. The Abstract is also amended. No new matter is presented. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-6, 10-13, and 15. The foregoing amendments and following remarks are considered by Applicant to overcome each objection/rejection raised in the Office Action and to place claims 1-16 in allowable form. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-16.

The Abstract was objected to for being too long. The Abstract is amended. No new matter is presented. Accordingly, Applicants request the withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract.

Claims 7-9 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 7-9 and 14 are amended to more clearly recite the features of the present invention. No new matter is presented. In view of the above amendments, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7-9 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Claim 16 is added. Claim 16 is dependent upon claim 4 and 1, which is indicated to be allowable. No new matter is presented. Applicants respectfully request the allowance of claim 16.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims 1-16 clearly recite the patentable features of the present invention. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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